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MINUTES OF THE TIPPAH BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

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OF THE

26TH ONNUAL SESSION

OF THE

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Baptist & Association,

HELD WITH

CANAAN CHURCH,

≪BENTON COUNTY, MISS., >>

SEPTEMBER 20th, 21st, 22nd, & 23rd,

1888.

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Minutes of the Tippah Baptist Association.

The Tippah Baptist Association held its 26th annual session with Canaau Church, Benton Co., Miss., commencing on Thursday before the 4th Sunday in Sept. 1888. The Introductory sermon was pre-ched by Eld. G. W. Floyd, from Rom. 5: 1:

Adjournment to 2 o'cleck, for refreshments.

EVENING SESSION, 2 O'CLOCK. P. M.

The Association was called the thereby singing: "Jesus, love of my soul." The Moderator then read 12th chapter Rom. Prayer by Eld. A. G. Parrot. Brethren N. Z. Smart and W. H. M. Durham, were appointed reading clerks. Letters were then read from the following churches, and delegates seated:—Ashland, Beth'ehem, Beulah, Bluff Springs, Canaan, Central, Char Creek, Chevalla, Carns' Creek, Followship, Flat Rock, Harmony, Lebanon, New Bethel, New Hope, New Prospect, Oaklimeter, Pleasant Ridge, Providence, Ripley, Shady Grove, Union, Unity, Pleasant Hill (B.)

On motion, the delegates from Blue Mountain, being present without a letter, were s atel as members of this body. Elders. J. E. Buchanan and W. K. Bryant were appointed tellers.

The Association then proceeded to permanent organization, by electing officers. Election resulted as follows: L. P. Cossitt, Mod. J. W. Crump, Clerk, W. H. M. Durham, Trees.

Cossitt, Mod. J. W. Crump, Clerk, W. H. M. Durham, Treas.

Called for petitionary letters. Two were presented; one from Hickory Flat, and the other from Shady Grove (Union county.) These two churches were received, and delegates seated, as members of this body.

APPOINTED THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEES:—On Temperance, Elds. W. E. Berry, W. M. Gadd and Bro. M. C. Selph.

On Devotional Exercises:—N. Z. Smart, G. W. Mauldon, and Deacons of Canaan church.

On Publication:—Elds. W. G. Thom, son, J. H Lauders, and Bro. P. C. Gadd.

On Education: - J. W. Russell, W. O. Rutherford, L. E. Lipford.

On Sunday Schools:-N. S. Watson, J. F. Ray, G. W. Wright. On State Missions:-Eld. J. H. Shackelford, Brethren H. B. Russum, J. A. Norriss.

On Finance: - W. R. Gatlin, J. F. Smith, A. Fowler.

Invited visiting brethren to seats with us. Called for Messengers from other Associations. Received Elds. J. E. Buchanan and A. G. Parrot as Messengers from Big, Hatchie Asseciation. Adjourned to 8:30 o'clock to-morrow morning. Prayer by Eld. W. K. Bryant.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 21, 1888. MORNING SESSION, 8:30 O'CL'K-A. M.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment. The Moderator read 8th chap. Rom. Prayer by Eld. W. D. Lancaster. Called for the reading of minutes of yesterday. Read and adopted. The letter from Blue Mountain was then read.

Called for the reading of the Constitution, Abstract of Faith and Rules of Order. Appointed corre-pondents. Ordered that the regulations in regard to this matter be the same as of last year, which order is, "That any member of this body in good standing, who may be present at the meeting of any body with which we correspond, shall be a messenger to said body.

We correspend with: - Big Hatchie, which meets at Coving-

ton, Wednesday before the 4th Sunday in Sept. next.

Tishomingo:- Meets at Iuka, Friday before 1st Sunday

Cold Water: -- Meets at Byhalia on Friday before 3rd Sunday in Oct.

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Southern Baptist Convention: - Meets at Memphis on Thursday before 4th Sunday in July.

State Convention: - Meets at West Point on Thursday before 4th Sunday in Mar.

Ripley (col.): - Meets at ---- on Friday before 4th Sunday in Aug.

Call for Reports.

Report on Foreign Missions was read by Bro. W. H. M. Durham. After being discussed by Eld. W. T. Lowrey,

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

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While the Baptists of Mississippi have contributed more to the support of this branch of our work, during last year, than ever before, such has not been the case in all the Southern States. Although less has been contributed, on the whole, by about \$1,400. Our Foreign Mission Board is out of debt. Not because there has been money enough, but because the necessities of our Mission Statious have not been met. The places of deceased and returned Missionaries have not been filled. All around the stations occupied are wide fields that cannot be supplied for want of means. Notwithstanding these and other hiudrances, our Missionaries are reaping fruit on all fields, and a large degree of prosperity invites to enlargement and extension of the work. The e have been over 300 baptisms during the last year, against 215 the year before. Our Mexican Mission was begun in 1880. Now we have 8 churches and 500 members, of who n 210 were added last year. Our Mission ries in this field need and are calling for reinforcements. Our Brazilian Mission also was opened eight years ago, and is prospering. Members 210; baptized last year, 49. There is urgent demand for more laborers. Our ITALIAN MISSION. This field was entered 16 years ago. We have there now, two church buildings, 13 organized churches, and 350 members, 40 of whom were received last year. In Africa, our Mi-sion at Lagos was begun in 1850, was broken up in 1866 by wars at home and abroad, and was real genize I in 1875. Now we have 5 stations, baptized last year 13, present membership 149. Bro. David, a faithful Missi mary from our own state appeals for money to build church houses and for twelve men and their wives, to occupy those five stations and other large cities. InChina, our Missions still prosper, though bereaved by sickness and death. Sister R. H. Graves, after 16 years labor, returned to America, in broken health to die. Bro. Davault died at his post. Dr. Yates, after 40 years unramitting toil, ha been called upon to lay aside his armor and rest from his labors. All our stations in this vast country have a membership of 727 native converts, of whom 40 were baptized last year.

Appeal-, urgent and earnest, come to us from all the fields, for men, women and money, to prosecute the work, in sowing the seeds of truth, and reaping harvests already ripe. In answer to these appeals and the prayers of God's children, some men and women have offered themselv s, and have been accepted, and appointed by our Foreign Mission Board. Among these are three from our own state. Brethren W. T. Lumbley, J. G. Chastain and A. C. Watkins. These with W. J. Davis, J. H.

Eager, E. Z. Simmons, with their wives, and our own beloved sister, Janie L. Sanford, who are already on the fields, well represent Mississip, i Baptist in the Foreign Mission department of our work, and appeals to us, to arise in the strength that our God has given us, and unite our prayers and redouble our contributions, that grander and more glorious results may follow, than have ever yet been reported to us. To this end, let us, of Tipbah Association, see to it that our prorate of the amount asked for, by our State Convention Board, shall be promptly raised.

The amount asked of us, for all departments, during the present conventional year is, I believe \$1300.00. New let "every one of us lay by him in store," for this purpose, "as the Lord has pr spered him." Let each one contribute "according to that which he hath," remembering that "the earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof," and that "God leveth a cheerful giver." That we are not our own, but that we have been "bought with a price," even "the precious blood of the Lord Jesus Christ," who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity. and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works." And what other work so good as lovingly to obey the last command of our glorified Redeemer. "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost." Resp't. submitted. W. H. M. DURHAM, Com.

J. F. RAY. Com.

Report on Home Missions was read, for the Committee, by Eld. J. E. Buchanan. Spoken to by Eld. W. E. Berry, and adopted.

HOME MISSIONS.

This is the work under the direction of the Home Mission Board of the S. B. C. Dr. J. T. Tiche er, Secretary.

The report of the Board for the last conventional year, show encouraging progress. From that report we learn 287 Missionaries were employed, who report work done as follows:

Churches and Stations, 1,114
Sermons preached, 33,868
Babtisms, 4,857
Total additions, 7,497
Sunday Schools organized 431
Churches constituted, 306
Houses of worship built, 64
Pag's of tracts distrib't'd 442,352
T't'l S. S. publicati'ns 4,754,000

Missionaries under this Board labored in 14 States and Territories and the Island of Cuba. The report of the Treasurer shows \$178.953,32 received by the Board. Of this amount Mississippi gave \$924.00. In Mississippi the Board had three Missionaries and expended upon them \$625.00

While all the work done by the Board in its diversified field, needs mention and was grand and encouraging. The work in the Island of Cuba is the most marvelous of any thing in the

history of modern Missions.

The work here under the guidance of Bro. Diaz the "Apostle of Cuba" is something wonderful and is both an inspiration and a call to continued zeal and enlarged plans for the time to come.

The persecutions and bigotry which has sought to stop the

work, has been blessed to the futherence of the gospel.

The people are being converted by the hundreds. V. R. Molino, a prominent priest of the Catholic church, has been converted and baptised and goes forth as a herald of the truth; dundreds and thousands crowd to the services of Gods house. Indeed the whole Island seems to be coming to christ. After two years work there are six churches organized with a membership of 1000 members. In the Sunday schools there are 2000 pupils. Of the converts made not one has turned back to the Catholic faith, they have a strong native ministery who are doing a grand work. Dr. Tichester says after a personal observation of the work made during a visit that he is persuaded that if our people are faithful in following up the Callings of Divine Providence, God will give us Cuba in a few years. Praise the Lord?

Houses of worship are much needed there and the Board

desires to raise \$50,000 for a House of Worship in Havana.

To this work Brethren, which God is so signally blessing, we ought to give of our prayers and means. Bro Diaz requests especially that prayers shall be made for the cause and workers in Cuba; and surely we can give this if nothing more. Let us pray for Cuba and give for Cuba; that God's truth may run and be glorified; and the people be brought to know THAT TRUTH which will make them wise unto salvation.

Respectfully submitted

W. E. Berry, W. G. Thompson, G. W. Floyd. Report on publications was read by Eld. W. G. Thompson. Discussed by Elds. W. G. Thompson, J. H. Shackelford, W. K. Bryant, W. E. Berry. Adopted.

REPORT ON PUBLICATIONS.

Your committee would urge the importance of our publications. Our country is flooded with corrupt literature, demoralizing our children, young men and women. This is one of the most powerful influnces of the enemy of souls. Parents, especially, should be interested in this matter. We should see that our childre have the right kind of literature. The press is a power, either for good or for evil. We must determine this for ouselves, and for our prosterity, in a large measure. What will we do? This is a serious question for us. Let us weigh it well, and put the right kind of book, periodicals, and papers in their hands. Good books can be had of our colporteurs. This work should be encour aged by our Association. As periodicals, we recommend the Baptist Record, The Foreign Mission Journal, the Tennessee Baptist, and for our Sunday Schools, Kind Words Literature, and the American Baptist Publication Society.

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Adjourned for preaching to 2 o'clock p. m. Preaching by Eld. J. E. Buchanau, from Romans, 6, 22. Prayer by Eld. W. T. Lowrey.

EVENING SESSION. 2 OCLOCK, P. M.

The Association was called together by singing. Prayer by
M. Giltian. Called for report on Executive Board. Read by
Eld. W. E. Berry. Spok n to by Elds J. H. Shackelford, W.
G. Thompson, J. E. Buchanan. Adopted.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD.

DEAR BRE. HREN:— ince our last report some material changes have been made in our work. Our esteemed brother and former missionary, Eld. H. L. Fit ley, tendered his resignation to a after the last meeting of the Association. We reluctantly accepted it and elected J. H. Shackelford as his speeds of . Such were his arrangements previously made that the could give only one half of his time to the work of the Board. We had Bro. Find y employed for his entire time, and yet he was unable to supply the destitution in the bounds of the sociation. There is work sufficient to give employment to two missionaries, if only the funds were in hand with which to do it. We were unwilling to retreach when the demands were so great and the field so promising. Believing that the churches would rally to the support of the Board, we employed Eld. W. G. Thompson, also for one half of his time. It was impossible for the made when the Board to visit the destitute points and to select the places to be occupied by the missionaries. Hence the selection of their stations and the outline of their work was left to their judgment. After surveying the field, and after due delibera-

tion with those who are interested in the work, the missionaries arranged their appointments in those places that seemed most destitute and most promising. For an account of their labors we refer you to their reports herewith submitted:

Report of W. G. Thompson missionary of Tippah Baptist Association

for 9 months, from January 1st, 1888, to October 1st, 1888.

Books sold, 104: books given away, 4; Bibles sold, 10; Bibles given away, 15; Testaments sold, 5; Testaments given away, 45; miles traveled, 1300; Sermons preached 50; Addresses, 14; Churches organized, 1; Persons baptised, 3; Families visited, 255; Tracts distributed, — Money W. G. THOMPSON.

REMARKS.

I wish to say that the field is large and should be occupied. Both on the west, north and east. We have done the best we could with the means at hand. We have done little with the book business, because we had but few books, and those such as your former missionary had well scattered over the fie'd. The board could not furnish books without money, that the churches have not given. I wish to surrender my work and thus relieve the board of further debt. But ask the brethren to help the loard out of present indebtedness.

W. G. THOMPSON.

Report of J. H. Shackelford, Colporteur and missionary, from Jan.

1st, to Sept. 20th, 1888 for half time.

DEAR BRETHREN:-This closes the third quarter since I began under the direction of the Board. My time has been divided between Providence and New Bethel, with a number of other places which have been abundantly blessed, as you will see from their reports. About 35 souls were saved during our meetings at these two places, and 36 received into their membership. We have had a hard fight at New Bethel, but we feel now that the Lord will give as the victory. The field is white already to harvest, and although the laborers are few, we feel sure that the reaping will be done. I give below a statement of the work done:

Days of service, 125; miles traveled, 1033:Bibles sold, 20; Testaments old, 75; Bibles given away, 6; Testaments given away, 20; books given away, 4; books sold, 123; pages of tracts distributed, 1428; sermons preahed, 65; prayer meeting held, 27; families visited, 95; Sunday Schools orgunized, 3; Sunday Schools addressed, 9; letters written, 26; circulars distributed, 3470; persons baptised, 23; Periodicals ordered, 115; grants to individuals, 30 ets; total value of grants, \$3.18; total value of sales, \$63.85;

Respectfully submitted, J. H. SHACKELFORD.

Brethren we are painfully aware of the fact that as much has not been accomplished by us as desired, but the failure is not entirely our own. We have labored with some degree of embarrassment. Contributions from the churches were not as liberal as we had hoped. At the close of last year in debt. We were due Bro. Finley \$86.95 when he gave up the work. This amount has been paid out of the funds that ought

to have been appropriated to the work of this year. We regret to report that we are still in debt, but not hopelessly so. If pastors will co-operate with us and press collections during the remaining months, we'll be enabled to close the work of the year free of debt. Bro. W. G. Thompson kindly offered to release the board from further obligations to him after Oct 1st, except that he continue as missionary pastor of Hickory Fiat. Providence church has released us of a portion of B10. Shackelford's salary, hence our debth is b en reduced. Your board has continued co-operation with the board of the Baptist State Convention. It is gratifying to kno v that our Association is a factor in the great work that is being accomplished by that body. During the last conventional year 64 missionaries have been employed. By the labors of these near 1200 additions have been made to our churches. Home and Foreign Missions, Mississippi College, Ministerial Education, and the Board of Sustentation have all been fostered by our board. Iruly the Lord has been with us and helped us. With profound gratitude to Him for His blessings, we submit this our annual report. W. E. BERRY, Chm'n.

PLEDGES FOR MISSIONS.

W. E. Berry \$25.00 H. F. Lipford\$	5.00
W. T. Lowrey 25.00 G. W. Wright	5.00
L. P. Cossitt 25.00 W. J. Robinson	5.00
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J. H. Shackelford 10.00 W. G. Thompson	5.00
N. S. Watson 10.00 J. A. Norriss	5.00
W. B. McKinstry 10,00 W. C. Richardson	5.00
Г. C. Gadd 10.00 J. L. Anglin	5.00
W. O. Rutherford 10.00 F, D. Baars	5.00
J. F. Ray 10.00 Shady Gr've (U) for Cuba	5.00
G. L. Landers 10.00 Joe Morton	4.00
J. W. Russell 6.00 W. L. Akin	3.00
Mrs. Leatherwood 5.00 M. Gillian	2 50
W. H. M. Durham 5.00 E. T. Doyle	2.50
M. C. Selph 5.00 J. A. Cox	2.50
A. G. Parrot 5.00 J. J. Spencer	2.50
J. D. Morton 5.00 W. B. Jordan	2.50
J. J. Shackelford 5.00 Miss Sallie Cox	2.50
J. L. Hutchins 5.00 Miss Mattie Cox	2.00
J. S. Gillentine 5.00 T. J. Valentine	
H. B. Russum 5.00 J. H. Walker	1.50

N. Z. Smart	5.00 Mrs. C. G. Bouton 5.00 J. M. Chism	1.00
Total		17.50

Adjourned to 8:30 o'clock to-morrow morning, prayer by Eld. W. G. Thompson.

SATURDAY, SEPT., 22, 1888. MORNING SESSION, 9 O'CLOCK, A. M.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment, prayer by brother W. H. M. Durham. Minutes of yesterday read, corrected and adopted.

Call for report on education. Read by brother J. W. Russell. After discussion by Elders W. E. Berry, W. T. Lowrey, W. D. Lancaster, brethren J. W. Russell and W. H. M. Durham, the report was adopted.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

The great civilizing agent in the world is elucation. the fulfillment of the command: "Go teach all nations," e.c. The mind as well as the head, should be educated, and the one can no more be neglected with impunity than the other. Education is a power, and should be at command with every christian throughout the country as his beverage for an influence. Its importance is too little appreciated, and the exertions necessary to its promulgation are to little thought of by many of our people. Is it strange, therefore, that your committee should recommend and urge the necessity of parents taking the deepest possible interest in their neighborhood school, in which are educated the masses of our children? It is not enough to contribute to foreign and home missions, to the support of our college at Clinton etc., all of which is an imperative duty, and neglect the common schools at home. We would then, urge parents, in view of the importance of a most solemn duty, to educate their own children to the very best advantage. See that your neighborhood be provided with a good house and surroundings, together with an efficient teacher, have your school continued for the greatest possible length of time in the year; send your children regularly with all the books needed for study; and see that no orphan or poor child in the community be deprived of these common school advantages from destitution, or other-

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"They may be heathens nearer home." Our schools cannot be kept in successful operation without concert of action upon the part of parents; hence, we should be willing, if necessary, to yield some points; but, never stop the exertions for good resuits: He who stops at petty obstacles is a coward. Let no christian bear this appellation justly. Aside from our common schools; No man should content himself with only the advantages offered in these; but he should, even at great sacrifice, give his children larger advantages offered in our higher schools and colleges. Some of the very best of which are in the borders of our own state; with whose superior advantages every one may, at will, acquaint himself. The Blue Mountrin college for the education of girls, at Blue Mountain, Miss., continues to grow in popularity and usefulness. Good schools for boys, throughout our borders, are too numerous to mention here. The Baptist College at Clinton, is our college, whose higher ducational advantages are not questioned. Many of our young preachers and other professionals are being educated here; therefore, let us say in conclusion, that we ought to support our callege in every possible way. By our patronage, influence and contributions.

Respectfully submitted,
J. W. RUSSELL,
W. O. RUTHERFORD,
L. E. IMPFORD,

The report on state missions was read by Eld. W. T. Lewrey, and after discussion by him was adopted.

STATE MISSIONS.

THE IMPORTANCE OF THE WORK.

Every citizen desires the glory of God and the general good of humanity, but every Christian in Missis Ippi has a special interest in the evangelization of Mississippi. Our financial prosperity, our political purity, and the peace of our homes depends largely upon the influence of Christ in our State. The happiness and glory of our State depends upon it. "Mississippi for Christ" should be our battle cry and every Christian heart should throb at the words and respind to the sentiment.

THE MAGNITUDE OF THE WORK

Is there much to do in Mississippi. Yes much! There is much actual destitution and there are other large territories where the cause is weak and there is much need of help. One great Mississippi Valley stretches her fertile fields along the Father of Waters and blooms with

the coming wealth of the South. The people are growing rich and will in a large measure control this State. Shall we leave them to their worldly wars, or shall we not rather see that a Baptist Church is planted in every town and in every neighborhood of this magnificent country

until Christ shall cont. ol its people and direct its wealth.

There are many other large sections of our state where the grown people are careless about God and the children are growing up in ignorance. There is need of Bibles and Christian books, need of Sunday Schools, need of more frequent and more efficient preaching. The time must come when every man, every woman, every coild in Mississippi can attend preaching frequently, if not every Lord's Day. But that state of affairs is a long way off. There must be much prayer and much giving and much earnest and patient and self sacrificing work before that time will come.

OUR STATE BOARD'S PLAN OF WORK.

It is the plan of our State board to co-o, erate with Associations and Caurches. Some associations sustain their own missionaries entirely; others are able to do so a part of their work and the state board does the rest. Also when the State board helps a church, the church is left to exercise all its functions as such. They call their awn pastor and pay what they can pay and the board pays the rest. With a little judicious help a weak church will often become strong and a helper of the weak.

THE BOARD'S LAST YEAR OF WORK,

B.o. J. T. Christian, of Jackson, is our decidedly efficient State Secretary and his energy is inspiring. Last year the board had 64 massionaries, some for all and some for part of their time. There were 814 baptisms. Beside this, a great many Bibles and religious books were sold and given away, a great many tracts distributed and much work done that will tell in the future.

From a small beginning our state Mission work has assumed stu-

pendous proportions and the future outlook is grand.

In the language of Bro. Christian, the board is studying two questions 1. now can we best extend the Master's course? 2. How can we be-t expend the money committed to our hands?

May God direct the board and give us hearts to help them.

W. T. Lowrey H. B Russum J. A. Norriss.

Moved and seconded to make the report on Temperance

special for 9:30 o'clock, to-morrow, A. M.

Adjourned to 1:30 o'clock, p. m. Prayer by Eld. J. D. Morton Preaching by Eld. A. G. Parrot from 4:3, Phil. Prayer by Eld. W. T. Lowrey.

EVENING SESSION, 1:30 P. M.

The Association was called together by singing; "All hail the power of Jesus' name." Prayer by Eld. L. A. Bell.

Leave of absence was granted to Eld. L. A. Bell and Bro. W. F. Yates.

Reconsidered the order, making the Temperance report special for 9:30 o'clock tomorrow. Report on Sunday schools

substituted in its place for that hour.

Report on Temperance read by Eld. W. E. Berry. After being discussed by Eld. W. G. Thorapson, W. E. Berry, W. T. Lowrey, W. D. Lancaster, Brethren W. H. M. Durham, and N. Z. Smith, adopted.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Intemperance is one of the great evils of our country. It is a prolific source of crime, the enemy of all good. The influences that spring from the liquor traffic are antagonistic to the cause of Christ. The mission of the Blessed Master to earth was to save. The aim of the church is to elevate and bless the human race. But the influence of the liquor traffic is intemperance, degredation and ruin. It therefore, becomes those who hear the name of Christ, to withstand and oppose the mighty influence of this matchless evil.

Your Committee recommend the following resolution

adopted by the Baptist State Convention:

Resolved. That it is the sense of this Convention that it is unchristian conduct for a Church member to sign a whisky petition, vote for the legalized sale of intoxicants as a beverage, or in anyway give countenance or encouragement to this iniquitous traffic; and Churches should enforce discipline against members lending their influence to the liquor traffic.

Re-pectfully submitted.

W. E. BERRY,

M. C. SELPH,

W. M. GADD,

Call for Treasurer's report. Read by W. H. M. Durham.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

W. H. M. Durham Tr. in acc't with Tippah Association from Sep. 17th 1887 to Sept. 23rd 1888.

STATE MISSIONS.

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To Bal. from former Treasurer	76 75
To Academy Church	9 40
To Ashland Church	30 75
To Beulah Church	7 50
To Bethlehem Church	6 75

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To Bluff Springs Church	11 50
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To Canaan Church	04 00
To Clear Creek Church (H. 500 in com.) total.	. 250
To Chewalla Church	. 12 00
To Fellowehip Church	11 05
" " In com	. 11 85
" In Woman's Aid Society.	. 29 25
To Flat Rock Church	
" " In committee	. 32 55
To Calvin Godwin an o'd helpless man	. 200
To Curtiss C eek Church	. 100
To Hickory Flat Church	. 440
To Harmony Church	. 650
To Central Church	. 500
To Mount M rah Church	5 00
To New Propose Church	. 850
To New Prospect Church	
To New Bethel Church	. 15
To Pleasant Hill, Tippah	
To Providence Church	
To Piplon Church	8 05
To Ripley Church	
To Union Church	71 95
Unity Church	3 20
trom woman's Aid Society	11 40
Coal limeter Church	1 00
To Snady Grove Church Union County	50
To sale of Bibles by T. B. Roberts	7 50
To corn from W. E. Berry	7 50
To borrowed money	100 00
To cash collection at Association	17 05
Total received	621 90
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By balance paid Rev. H. L. Finley on salary	\$ 191 80
By books and freight on same	228 15
By freight on corn	1 05
Blank Book	40
Blank Book By amount paid Rev. W. G. Thompson	78 00
By amount paid J. H. Shackelford	122 50
Total	621 90

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To amount 2	" Ashland Church 5 20	
	" Blue Mountain Church 110 80	
"	" Women and children's societies	
"	of Blue Mountain Church 83 90	
"	from Fellowship Church 2 60	
	" Flat Rock Church 4 00	
"	" Sister E. A. KcKay 1 00	
."	" Brother S. Shinall 50	
"	" Miss Hattie Guyton's S. S. class 3.60	
"	" Ora Thornton 5	
"	" Roche Thornton 5	
"	" J. T. Cox, Hickory Flat 100	
"	" Ripley Church	
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	" Unity Church 25	
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Total	61 00
MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.	
To Mrs. E. A. McKay of Hickory Flat Ch. 100 To Rev. W. T. Lowrey, of Blue Mountain 5,00	
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By amount sent Dr. Webb by W. E. Berry 8 By amount handed Rev. J. R. Farrish by Rev	Cr. 1 00
W. T. Lowrey for Bro. White, a student in Mississippi College	5 00
Total	6 00
SUSTENTATION.	
To collection by Rev. W. E. Berry\$ 5 00 " J. M. Goolsby	
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By amount paid Rev. W. D. Lancanter by W. E. Berry	5 00 2 00
. Total	7 00
FOR CHURCH BUILDING.	
Dr. 10 00 To Woman's Aid Society of Blue Mountain church 2 30 To Sunbeam " " 1 60 To Blue Mountain Church 51 50	
Total received	*

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By amount contributed to West Point Baptist ch.		
to aid in building a house	9 10	00
By amount to Colored Baptist of Ripley	4 10	90
By amount sent Dr. Hartwell by Rev. W. E. Berry	46	50
By amount sent Winona church to aid in building	. 40	30
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SUMMARY.		
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State Missions	621	90
Home Missions	16	00
Foreign Missions	284 9	25
Mississippi College	61 (00
Ministerial Education	6 (00
Suntentation	71	00
Church building	65	10
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Total	1061	55
Respectfully submitte		
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Note. The profits on the sale of books do not appear in the above. These will be in the next report.—W. H. M. D.

The report on finance was read by Brother A. Fowler and adopted.

REPORT ON FINANCE.

 We your committee on finance beg leave to report as follows:

 Academy.
 \$1 50 Curtis Creek.
 \$ 70

 Ashland.
 1 70 Fellowship.
 1 00

 Beulah.
 1 40 Flat Rock.
 1 55

 Bethlehem.
 1 35 Harmony.
 1 00

 Blue Mountain.
 3 00 Hickory Flat.
 1 10

 Bluff Springs.
 55 Hopewell.
 1 10

 Canaan.
 1 50 Lebanon.
 35

 Central.
 60 Mount Moriah.
 80

Clear Creek
Chewalla 155 New Hope
New Prospect
Oaklimeter 60 Shady Grove (T.) 1 00
Pleasant Hill (T.) Shady Grove (U.) 100
Pleasant Hill (B.) 100 Union
Pleasant Ridge 80 Unity 1 00
Providenca 90.
Total\$35.95

Appoint place of holding next meeting of this body, and a brother to preach the introductory sermon. The Association will meet at Beulah, near the K C. M. & B. R. R., on Thursday before the 1st Sunday in September, 1889. Eld. W. M. Gadd is to preach the introductory sermon; M. Gıllian, Alternate.

Adjourned to 8:30 o'clock to-morrow morning. Prayer by

Elder H. F. Lipford.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 23, 1888, 8:30 O'CLOCK A. M.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment. The Moderator read a selection from 1st chap. 1st Peter. Prayer by Eld. W. M. Gadd.

Minutes of yesterday read and adopted.

ELECT EXECUTIVE BOARD.

All the members of the old board were continued except J. E. Buchanan, and R. E. Whitten; J. S. Gillentine and J. A. Norriss were elected in their steads.

The Moderator announced the following standing committees: Home Missions; J. H. Shackelford, N. S. Watson, W. R. Gatlin. Foreign Missions; W. T. Lowrey, H. F. Lipford, P. C. Gadd.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

The time of the meeting of this body was changed from Thursday before the 4th Sunday, to Thursday before the 1st Sunday in Sept.

The memorial of brother M. Gadd was read by Eld. W. E. Berry, and ordered printed in the minutes of this body. The

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Moderater, after calling Eld. W. G. Thompson to the chair, made some feeling remarks in connection with the subject of this memorial; as did also Elder A. G. Parrot.

MEMORIAL OF DEACON MASTON GADD.

The subject of this memorial was born in N. C. in 1811, and died at his home in Beuton Co. Miss., Oct., 1, 1887. About the year 1853, he professed faith in Christ. and joined the Baptist church, of which he lived a consistent member till his death. He was chosen deacon by Flat Rock church in 1874 and was ordained immediately to that office. Under the same service, his son Jao. C. Gadd was ordained to the full work of the Gospel Ministry. Elders M. P. Lowrey, L. P. Cossitt constituted the presbytery on this occasion. Bro. Gadd endeavored as best he could to fill the office to which his church had called him. It was his pleasure to look after her interest. Unless providentially hindered he was always at her meetings.

He felt, as another has expressed it:

For her my toils and cares are given, til! toils and cares shall end. With an open hand and generous heart, he was ever ready to assist in her work. His constant regret was—not that he had given too much, but that he was unable to give more to the cause of the blessed Master. God permitted him to be a leader in his church, and he gave his brethren many noble examples worthy of imitation. He was careful of the church discipline. Even if a dear relative or a brother beloved should go astray he would urge the church to deal promptly with him. The poor, the weak, the needy always had a friend in him, In his death the church has lost a valued servant and the country a noble citizen. This church commends the excellence of his character to the rising generation. Let us follow him as he followed Christ. Respectfully submitted.

W. E. BERRY, Pastor.

The following resolutions were submitted by Bro. W. H. M. Durham, and adopted:

RESOLVED, 1. That we extend our thanks to Canaan Church and the surrounding community for their kindness and hospitality during the sitting the sittin

tality during the sitting of this body:

RESOLVED 2. That the clerk be instructed to have the minutes printed, and distribute them to churches in proportion to the amounts paid for that purpose; and that the clerk be allowed to reserve ten dollars for his services.

The Association then took up for consideration the report

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ninon to lowon Sunday Schools which was made special for this nour. The report was read by Bro. N. S. Watson. Spoken to by Elds. W. G. Thomptson, W. B. McKinstry, W. D. Lancaster, H. F. Lipford, Bro. N. S. Watson. Adopted.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Your commutee on Sunday Schoo's submits the following:—
It seems to us that the great importance of the work should commend it to all christians. God says, I have written to Ephraim the great things of my law" And then says, 'Teach it to your children." And what place so fitting teach it as the Sunday School! Yet wih all its acknowledged importate, and the injunction of God, comparatively few churches report Sunday Schools. We would here ask, is it the duty of all the members of Courches to study the Scriptures, and teach them, to those for whom they are responsible? If so, why this neglect! I know there are difficulties in the way; one of which I wish to mention: It is contended that it is not a church work; but we think differently, we think it as much a church work as missions, and if this be true, should not pustors set to it, that those difficulties are removed! And when the courches are made to see and feel the responsibility resting on them in that particular, there will soon be a Sunday Newcool in every Church. May God hasten the day.

Respectfully Submitted, N. S. Watson G. W Wright, J. F. Ray,

Call the roll, n inutes read and adopted. At 11 o'clock, preaching by Eld. W. T. Lowrey from Matt. 6:10. Prayer by Eld. T. J. Vall-ntine. Raised in cash \$16.45 for the present relief of the Executive Board.

While singing "How firm a foundation," the parting hand was extended, after which united with Eld. A. G. Parrot in prayer.

Adjourned with hearts glowing with gravitude to God, and love for one arother.

J. W. CRUMP, Clerk.

L. P. COSSITT, Moderator.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1st. Read Constitution, Abstract of Faith and Rules of Order.

2nd. Invite visiting brethren to seats.

3rd. Appoint Correspondents.

4th Call for Reports.

5th. Elect Executive Board.
6th. Appoint place of next meeting of Association.

7th. Call roll and mark absentees.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

W. E BerryBlue Mountain,	Miss.
L A. BellDumas	"
F. D. Baars	"
L P CossittBlue Mountain	1 "
J. T. Cox	. "
J. B. Cottle	. "
Jerry EubanksJonesboro	. "
E. M Floyd	
H L Finley Blue Mountain	. "
R E Fowler, Beulab	. "
M Gillian, Ashland	. "
W M GaddPine Grove	"
W P. HutchinsonMyrtle	"
W D. LancasterJonesboro	. "
G L LandersGeeville	. "
H F LipfordAshland	. "
W T LowreyBlue Mountain	. "
W. B. McKinstryDumas	. "
J. D. MortonAshland	. "
P. N. Nolen,	. "
J. E. RogersRipley	, "
H. G. Spencer, Ashland	. "
J. H. Shackelford,, Mitchell	
W. G. Thompson,	n "
T. J. Vallentine	Tenn
D. C. WestAshland	

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W. P. Caviness	Miss
T. R Stroup Pine Grove	
Harris TaylorMitchall	"

CONSTITUTION.

Article 1. This Association shall be called the TIPPAH BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

Art. 2. It shall be composed of persons who have been duly elected delegates by the respective churches belonging to this union, Mod. Clerk, and the Executive Board and Chairman of committees to report at next session shall be ex-officio members of the the next session.

Art. 3. The delegates representing the different churches shall at the opening of each Association, present the letters specifying their ap-

pointments, and also showing the number baptized, received by letter, dismissed, excluded, restored and dead, during the year, together with the whole number in fellowship.

Art. 4 Every church belonging to this body shall be entitled to three delegates until they number fifty members, and then one for each

fifty overthat number.

Art. 5. Churches of this union failing to represent themselves for three successive meetings shall be considered as dropped by the Associ-

Art 6. New churches may be admitted into this body, signif ing their wishes by letter and delegates, provided they be orthodox and are willling to wak in fellowship with us.

Art. 7, This body shall have a Moderator, Trasurer and Clerk, who shall be chosen at each an ual meeting (by privite ballot) so soon as

letters from churches are read and members names enrolled.

Art. 8. This body shall have no power to adopt rule that shall inf.ingeupon the ind pendence and rights of churches, yet it may drop such churches as may become disorderly, either in doctr ne or discipline.

Art. 9. This body shall have a fund for its expenses, and churches may send up funds for domestic and for ign missions, or for the Bible cause. This Asso iation shall take charge of such funds and appropriate them as d signated by the churches.

Art. 10. If any church have a difficulty with another church we advie her to take seps all down in the 18th chapter of Matthew. And no difficulty between the churches will be entertained by this body un-

1-ss such steps have been taken.

art. 11. When churches of this union have gifts they deem worthy of ordination, we advise them to call on sister thurches for two or more ministers to set apart such gifts to the work of the gospel ministry, according to the New Testament; and we advise all presbyteries in the ordination of ministers and deacons and coostitution of churches, to be governed by the abstracts of principles of this As ociation.

Art. 12 This Association will correspond with sister Associations

of the same faith and order.

Art. 13. The minutes of this body shall be read and corrected, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the session rises. No session shall adjourn, unless in extraordinary cases, until it has finished all its business.

Art 14. The A sociation shall have an Executive Board, consisting of a Treasurer and six other members, who shall be chosen annually.

Art. 15. This Constitution may be altered or amended at any annual meeting, by a majority of two-thirds the members present.

ABSTRACT OF FAITH.

Article 1. We believe in one only living and true God, the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, and these three are one.

Art. 2. We believe the Bible to be the word of God, and it is our only rule of faith and practice.

Art 3. We believe in the total depravity of human nature, and

that man is dead in trespasses and sin.

Art. 4. We believe that salvation is the gift of God by grace through faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, and that sinners are justified in the sight of God alone by the "imputed righteousness" of Jesus Christ, which is unto and with the a that believe.

Art. 5. We believe in the doctrine of Election; that God has from

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lat apthe beginning chosen us to salvation throug a sanctification of the spirit and belief of the truth.

Art. 6. We believe that the Holy Spirit accompanies the word o. God in the salvation of man, in answer to the prayer of Christians

Art 7. We believe in the final perseverence of saints, and that all

who truly believe shall be eternally saved.

Art. 8 We believe that bap ism is immersion alone, and that none but true believers are proper subjects of the ordinance, and that none but regularly baptized and ord fined ministers have a right to administer it, and that it is a prerequisite to the Lord's Supper, and all who come to the Lard's table must come according to the Lord's word.

Art 9 We believe that a go pel church is a body of true be ievers in Christ, who have been regula ly baptized upon a profession of the r twith in Him, and that there are but two officers in the chur h, viz: the

Elder or Pastor and descon,

Art. 10 We believe it to be the duty of each church to extend and

circulate the Word of God as far as their means will enable them.

Art. 11 We beli we in the resurrection of the bodies of a 1 mea, and in a future and general judg-ment, and that the happiness of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked shall be eternal.

RULES OF ORDER.

Art. 1. The Association shall be opened by prayer.

Art. 2 The Moderat n and (1 rk shall be chosen by the members)

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present by rivate ballot.
Art. 3 The Moderator shall e considered the judge of order, but any member not satisfied with his decision may appeal, provided the appeal be made on the same day, but at an subsequent time.

Art, 4 The Moderator shall be cutitled to the same privilege of speaking as other member, but not to vote unless his vote be necessary to decide the question; if he rises to speak he shall call on some brother

t , take the chair.

Art. 5 All questions brought before the Asso lation shall be introduced by motion, and if se ouded, shall be op sed for discussion unless withdrawn by the mover or his second. When a subject has been taken up and a reasonable time allowed for discussion, the Mod. shall toke the question by yeas and nays, and if a call for a division be made, it shall be decided by the members rising.

A t. 6 Any member desiring to speak shall rise and address the Moderator. Only one member shall be allowed to speak at a time, who shall not be interrupted while speaking unless he depart from the sub-

ject or make personal reflections.

Art. 7 No person shall speak more than once upon any s. bject until all w.o wish to speak shall have had an opportunity, nor more than twice upon any subject without permission.

Art. 8 Every subject introduced for discussion shall be first decided before another shall be offered unless it be laid over by motion, with

the consent of the mover and As ociation.

Art. 9 This Association shall in all cases, be governed by a majority of the members present, except in the reception of churches; then a unanimous vote shall be required. But in no case shall one member or church prevent the reception of a church without sufficient cause shown, which shall be determined by a mojority

Art. 10 The names of members shall be called whenever the Association shall direct, and the absentees marked. Any member wishing to

retire shall obtain permission of the Moderator.

Art. 11 The appellation of Brother shall be used by members in addressing each other.

Art. 12 Any member violating these rules shall be subject to reproval by the Moderator, but only on the day that the breech shall have been committed.

Art. 13 Amendments or alterations may be made to these rules when a majority may deem it necessary.

CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE CHURCHES.

CHURCHES.	Pastors Salary.	Home Church Expenses	State and Ass'l Missions	Home Missions.	Foreign Miss'ns	Ministerial Education.	Sunday School Expenses	For sup. of poor and Sustentat'n	Total
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Beulah									
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Bluff Springs	100 00		and the same						100 09
Central	103 00	15 00	5.00			1 25	1 50		22 75
hewalla	25 00	50 00	5 00		1			Marco 70	80 00
Clear Creek	1								
Curtis Creek			-4	1 40				100	14
Fellowship		2 00	29 00	42 70	4 00			1 00	42 70 37 00
Harmony	50 00	3 00	20 00		100			100	50 00
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Topewell	2.000			93.9					
ebanon		200	2	-	i			6 100	3 14 5
Mount Moriah	5 00	. !	5,865						5 00
New Hope	300				1			-	5 00
New Prospect									
aklimeter					1				1 7
Pleasant Hill (T.)				1					
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STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	DELEGATES.	PASTOR.	POST	OFFICE.	Days of Meeting	Baptized	Restored	Dismissed	Excluded	hemoersuip.
Ashland		W. E. Berry T. R. Stroup J H Shackelford	Blue I Pine	y Creek Mountain Grove Springs	4th 4th 1st		1 2 4 4	3		1 2 1
Blue Mountain Bluff Springs, Canaan Central Chewalla Clear Creek. Curtiss Creek. Fellowship Flat Rock	W T Lowrey, J M Chism, N S Watson, J S Gillentine, W G Thompson (B. F. Poff M Gillian, H B Russam, G. W. Robinson T R Stroup J L Anglin, D A Higdon J J. Shacklford, Z Smith, J H Shackelford E M Floyd, J M Grisham, Thomas Duncan G L Landers, J H Landers, W A Medlin M C Selph, W M Gadd, W O and I Rutherford J W Wright, W R Gatlin P C Gadd, J T Cox W J Robinson L A Bell, W. F. Yates	W. T. Lowrey J. B. Cottle A. G. Parrot E. M. Floyd J. D. Morton L. P. Cossitt E. M. Floyd W. E. Berry W. E. Berry L. P. Cossitt	Tippa Germ Floyd Tippa Blue Floyd Blue Blue	Mountain h 'nt'n Tenn Mountain Mountain Mountain Mountain Mountain	1st 4th 4th 4th 2nd 2nd 1st	4 13 4 12 4	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	1 3	1 1 1 10 1 2	2 3 4
New Hope. New Prospect	W D Lancaster, J H Walker M K Lowrey, N R Jon s, B. Mauldin J L Hutchins, G R Burton, W L Akins A Anderson, J J McBroom	J H Sbackelford L. P. Cossitt W. M. Gadd W P Hutchinson	Blue Blue Pine Myrt	Mountain. Mountain. Grove	2nd 2nd 2nd	9	1 2 1 2	113		
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